

Proposed Legislation
License Agreement with the
Puget Sound Emergency Radio Network
for FAS/Maple Leaf Transmitter

Presentation to the Seattle City Council's committee on *Education, Equity & Governance*



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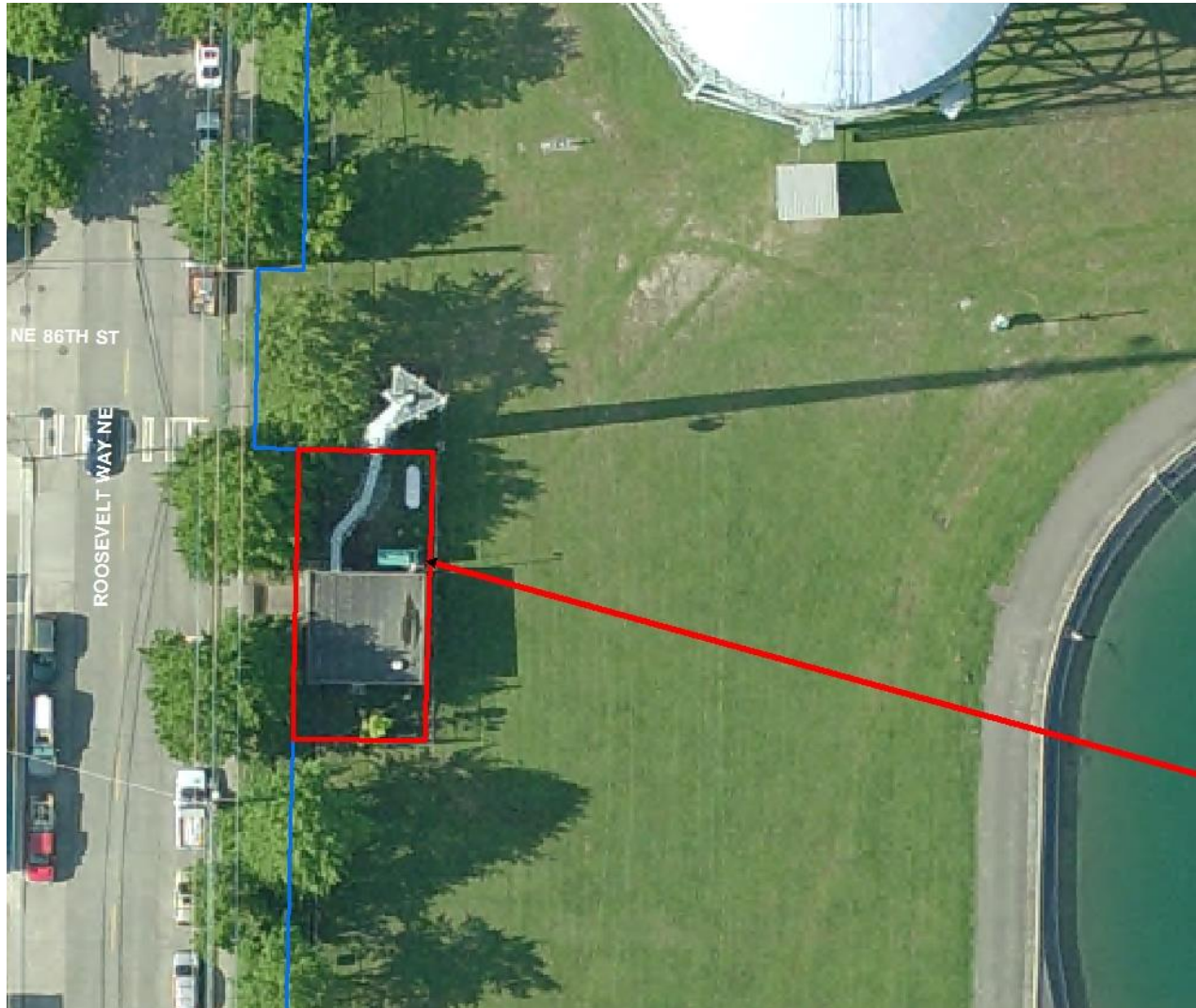
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Summary:

In conjunction with the formation and implementation of the Puget Sound Emergency Radio Network (“PSERN”), the Executive requests the approval of a Council Bill authorizing FAS to enter into a 25-year license agreement with King County/PSERN pursuant to which PSERN will install and operate emergency radio equipment at FAS’ Maple Leaf transmitter facility.

- In 2015, voters approved a \$273 million levy to upgrade King County's aging emergency radio network.
- A non-profit corporation, PSERN, is being established to manage the network.
- As the agent for PSERN, King County identified FAS' Maple Leaf transmitter facility as a preferred site for PSERN's communication facilities.
- The City of Seattle will be a subscriber to the PSERN.
- FAS and King County reached agreement on the terms and conditions of a license agreement that will govern PSERN's use of the Maple Leaf transmitter facility.
- PSERN will pay FAS approximately \$30,000 in annual rent, allowing FAS to recover some of the costs associated with the recent redevelopment of the Maple Leaf transmitter facility.
- A second agreement between FAS and King County/PSERN to govern PSERN's use of FAS' transmitter facility at the Myrtle reservoir in West Seattle, is still being finalized.

Map depicting location of Maple Leaf Transmitter Facility



Relevant Authority

City Charter:

Section 14. POWERS BY ORDINANCE: The City Council shall by power of ordinance and not otherwise...***to dispose of all such property*** as it shall have, as the interests of the City may from time to time require [emphasis added].

Seattle Municipal Code:

Section 3.127.010.B [limitation on the Director of Finance and Administrative Services to negotiate and executes leases for City-owned property] The total term of any new lease...shall not exceed five years in duration.